

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A disk cartridge comprising:

a flat housing constructed of upper and lower ~~metal~~ shells, said upper shell having a substantially horizontal ceiling plate and a substantially vertical wall portion connected to the ceiling plate at a peripheral edge of the ceiling plate, the substantially vertical wall portion of the upper shell having a substantially rectangular cross section along its height, and said lower shell having a substantially horizontal bottom plate, and a substantially vertical wall portion connected to the bottom plate at a peripheral edge of the bottom plate, the substantially vertical wall portion of the bottom plate having a substantially rectangular cross section along its height; and

a recording disk medium rotatably enclosed within said housing;

wherein said housing is assembled by ~~mechanically engagement between linking a side portion of the vertical wall portion of the upper shell and a side portion of the vertical wall portion of lower shells~~circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells together.

2. (currently amended): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein the vertical wall portion~~circumferential edge portions~~ of said upper and lower shells are joined

mechanically by engagement ~~of~~between grooves and protrusions formed in said upper and lower shells.

3. (withdrawn): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein the circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells are joined mechanically by caulking either a circumferential wall portion of said upper shell or a circumferential wall portion of said lower shell.

4. (withdrawn): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein said upper and lower shells are formed by folding back a metal plate.

5. (withdrawn): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein one of the circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells has fastening tongues;

the other of the circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells has recesses at positions corresponding to said fastening tongues; and

the circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells are joined mechanically by bending said fastening tongues inserted in said recesses.

6. (withdrawn): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein one of the circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells has windows;

the other of the circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells has locking pieces at positions corresponding to said windows; and

the circumferential edge portions of said upper and lower shells are joined mechanically by elastically fitting said locking pieces in said windows.

7. (new): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 2, wherein
the grooves are disposed on the side portion of the vertical wall portion of the upper shell, wherein the side portion is an interior side of the vertical wall portion of the upper shell, and
the protrusions are disposed on the side portion of the vertical wall portion of the lower shell, wherein the side portion is an exterior side of the vertical wall portion of the lower shell.

8. (new); The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 7, wherein said protrusion extends from the exterior side of the vertical wall portion of the lower shell by a distance about equal to one-half of a thickness of the vertical wall portion of the lower shell.

9. (new): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 8, wherein an end portion of the vertical wall portion of the upper case is in substantially the same plane as an exterior side of the bottom plate.

10. (new): The disk cartridge as set forth in claim 9, wherein said upper and lower shells are metal.